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Hon. Laura Taylor Swain
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Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse
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Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse
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Re: Williamson v. Verizon Communications, Inc., et al., Cause No. 1:11-CV-04948-LTS

Dear Judges Swain and Kaplan:

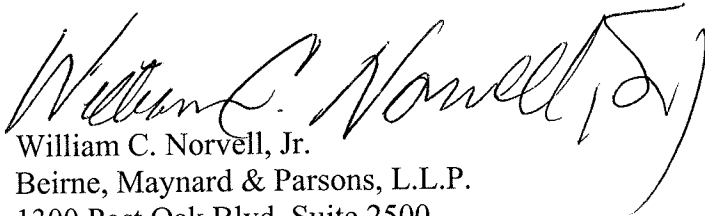
I am writing to each of you with the permission of and at the request of both plaintiff and defendants.

The Court has scheduled the Markman Hearing in this case for this coming Monday, November, 5, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. At the time of the writing of this letter, and as you are well aware, Hurricane Sandy has caused considerable damage in the New York City area. The Federal Courthouse has been closed all this week, and will remain closed through this coming Friday. The New York offices of all counsel of record have been closed. The attorneys who are preparing for the hearing must do so, if at all, at their homes, and other safe locations, without benefit or access to many documents and other resources needed for adequate preparations. The timing for re-opening of these offices remains in doubt. Some of the attorneys who will attend this hearing must fly to New York City, with flight departure confirmations seriously in doubt. The parties' expert witnesses must also travel to New York City, and one must do so from overseas.

In view of the serious situations resulting from Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath, the parties respectfully request that the Court postpone the scheduled Markman Hearing, to a future date convenient to the Court.

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Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William C. Norvell, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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